

December 2024

Subject: Letter of Support for **TRAN1-16907**

Dear Members of the Application Review Subcommittee,

We are Brian and Lillian Chang of Sunnyvale, California and we are friends of a California family affected by MPSIIIB (Sanfilippo Syndrome Type B). We are writing to strongly encourage the funding for TRAN1-16907 led by principal investigator Katelyn Masiuk, MD, PhD.

Our friend's son, Matthew, is a sweet boy that we have gotten to know over the years. Matthew is a happy, easygoing boy and always greets our family with an ear to ear grin and cheerful giggles when we see him at church. We were and continue to be devastated by his diagnosis of Sanfilippo Syndrome Type B earlier this year. We had a baby girl in July and as new parents, we now have a deeper understanding of the heaviness of this diagnosis for families and the hope that this research can provide. As a physician assistant, Lillian has also seen the weight that a neurodegenerative disease carries with regards to caregiving and healthcare expenses. It would lift a huge burden for many families were a cure to be found for Sanfilippo Syndrome Type B.

We hope to see Matthew, and other children like him, get to grow old and experience the fullness of childhood. We urge you to consider the importance of this research and support it with funding. Thank you for your consideration of TRAN1-16907.

Sincerely,
Brian and Lillian Chang